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Digigaon Project
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government has envisaged DigiGaon, a pilot project of Digital villages to be implemented in 1050 Gram Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise list of Gram Panchayats selected/to be selected under DigiGaon project and the amount allocated/sanctioned for each Gram Panchayat;

(c) whether the Government has any idea/plans to involve IT companies/NGO's to create more Digital villages in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government has approved a Pilot Project called 'DigiGaon'.

(b): The DigiGaon project has been approved to be implemented in 1050 Gram Panchayats (GPs) spread across 30 States/UTs. However, after assessment of the readiness of the States/UTs, and recommendations of the Empowered Group of DigiGaon, the project will be piloted in three States out of the following five states, viz. Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The 'DigiGaon project envisages providing telemedicine, tele-education, LED lighting, Wi-Fi hotspots and skill development in the selected Gram Panchayats (GPs) and does not entail any GP wise budgeting allocation/sanction of funds.

(c) and (d): No, Madam.

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